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SUBJ: CIVAIR -- FUEL SHORTAGES: SWISS ENERGY SITUATION

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1. SWISS FEDERAL COUNCIL NOV 21 BANNED GENERAL AVIATION OPERATIONS BY AIRCRAFT REGISTERED IN SWITZERLAND AS WELL AS ALL NON-ESSENTIAL PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVING FOR SUNDAYS NOV 25 AND DEC 1 AND 8. ACTION FOLLOWS NOV 14 IMPOSITION NATIONAL 100 KILOMETER/HOUR SPEED LIMIT AND CONTROLS ON FILLING JERRY CANS AND OTHER CONTAINERS. RETAIL RATIONING NOT CONSIDERED NECESSARY AS YET BUT SUPPLIERS ARE REDUCING ALLOCATIONS TO DISTRIBUTORS BY 15-20 PERCENT BELOW NORMAL AND GOVERNMENT IS WATCHING IMPORT SITUATION CLOSELY. STATEMENTS BY GOS REPS HAVE CONTINUED STRESS PRECAUTIONARY ACTIONS TAKEN IN INTEREST SOLIDARITY WITH OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES RATHER THAN NEED DEAL WITH PRESSING IMMEDIATE SUPPLY DISRUPTIONS.

2. SWISS AIR HAS REDUCED WEEKLY NORTH ATLANTIC FREQUENCIES BY ELEVEN THROUGH AT LEAST DEC 15 BY CANCELLATION ONE DAILY NEW YORK 747 SERVICE AND COMBINATION OF BOSTON AND MONTREAL OPERATIONS.

3. SWISS FEDERAL AIR OFFICE OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF NOV 21
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THAT HE CONCERNED RE DRASTIC CUTBACK IN NEW YORK FUEL

AVAILABILITIES FOR SWISSAIR BUT WAS CHECKING FURTHER RE
BACKGROUND AND FACTS PRIOR POSSIBLE DISCUSSION WITH
EMBASSY. ALSO INDICATED THAT AIR OFFICE WOULD WELCOME
SWISSAIR DISCUSSIONS WITH TWA TO SEEK AGREED CAPACITY
RESTRAINTS FOLLOWING CURRENT TWA STRIKE.
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